

(Rs. in cores)

No. State	April, 90 -March, 91 Amount Sanctioned	April, 91 -Dec., 91 Amount Sanctioned
23. Tripura	1.3	2.4
24. Uttar Pradesh	189.6	147.4
25. West bengal	107.5	87.3
26. Union Territories	63.1	52.8
Total	2292	1746.1

Ordnance Factory in Bihar

1694. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has requested the Union Government to set up an ordnance factory in Bihar;

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the place selected for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Bihar Government had offered a few sites sometime back for the proposed ordnance factory to manufacture propellants.

(b) The proposal to set up a new ordnance factory to manufacture propellants has since been dropped.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

**Advances to States for Externally
aided Projects**

1695. SHRIMATI BASAVA

RAJESHWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give advance to State for externally aided projects from the next financial year;

(b) if so, the total amount proposal to be provided to each State under this scheme during 1992-93;

(c) whether foreign funds have lapsed in some due to non-utilisation of the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). The question of giving advances to States for externally aided projects is at the proposal stage. A final decision has not been taken.

(c) and (d). External assistance is usually tied to projects spread over a period of 5-7 years. Where necessary extension and restructuring are agreed to with donor agencies for full utilisation of committed assistance.